BATH.

THE

CITY CHARTER.

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Recorders, Town-Clerks,

And all Other OFFICERS.

AS ALSO OF A

COMMON-COUNCIL,

AND THE

Antient LAWS *and* CUSTOMS,
of the CITY.

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To the CORPORATION *and* CITIZENS *of Bath, in general.*

AS many ſevere Reflections have lately been level'd at the Body Corporate of this City; therefore the Publication of their Charter appears the moſt eligible Mode of inſtructing the Citizens, what to expect from thoſe Gentlemen, who have the Direction of the public Concerns; for have not the Inhabitants frequently required (from the Corporation) too much? nay, as often, perhaps, as they have done, too little; but ſhould they at any future Time, by Supineneſs, neglect their public Duty, let me recommend the Inhabitants not to treat them again with harſh Cenſure and unkind Reproach, but endeavour to awake their Attention, by humble Petition and gentle Remonſtrance; then the Peace of the City may be happily preſerved, and the Corporation and Citizens mutually enjoy, laſting Tranquility.

T. S.

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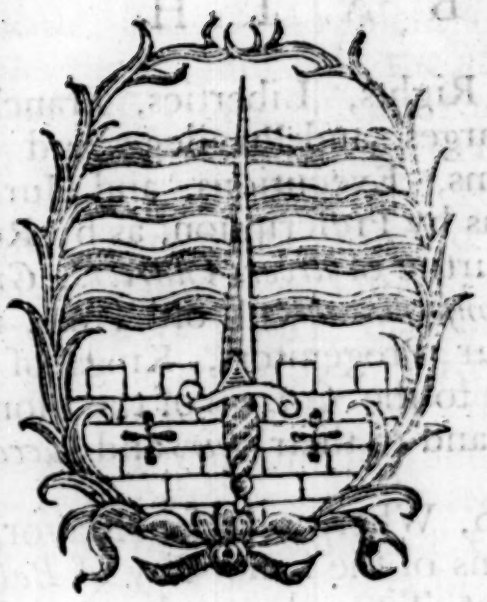
T. S.



ELIZABETH,

By the Grace of God, Queen *of* England, France *and* Ireland, *Defender of the Faith.*

To all whom these present Letters shall come Greeting,

WHEREAS the Mayor, and Citizens, of the City of *Bath,* in the County of *Somerset,* from the Time whereof the Memory of Man is not to the contrary, *Have,* peaceably had, held and enjoyed, divers Markets, Fairs

Recital of the Antient Liberties.

Fairs, Rights, Liberties, Franchiſes, Diſcharges, and Privileges and other Cuſtoms, Executions, and Juriſdictions as by Preſcription, as by Reaſon and Virtue of *divers Charters*, *Grants*, and *Confirmations* of old Time, made by our Progenitors, Kings of *England*, to the *Citizens* of the aforeſaid City, and to their *Heirs* and *Succeſſors*.

And, Whereas the ſaid Mayor, and Citizens of the ſame City of *Bath*, of Antient Time, have always had, in the ſaid City, of themſelves, *Aldermen* and a *Common-Council* of the City aforeſaid, which Mayor and Citizens have now moſt humbly beſeeched Us, that We would graciouſly, and liberally exhibit, and extend unto them, our Princely Grace and Bounty, and that, We would vouchſafe for the Regiment, and better Government, and bettering the ſaid City, to make and grant, theſe Our Letters Patent in manner and form following.

The Conſideration of the Charter.

We therefore conſidering that the foreſaid City of *Bath*, is an Antient populous City; and willing that from henceforth a certain, ſure, and undoubted Means, may be always had, and kept in the ſaid City of *Bath*, and upon

upon the keeping of OUR Peace, and the Rule, and Government of OUR People there, and that the aforeſaid City at all Times hereafter may be, and remain a City of perpetual Peace and Quiet, to the Fear and Terror of the Evil, and to the Reward of the Good; and alſo, that OUR Peace and other Deeds of Juſtice, may be there kept and done, without further Refuge of Delay; and alſo, that the humble Petition and Requeſt of the now *Mayor, Aldermen, Citizens,* and *Inhabitants* of the aforeſaid City, of OUR Special Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, We have willed, ordained, conſtituted, granted and declared, and by theſe Preſents for US OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, WE will ordain, conſtitute, grant and declare, that the aforeſaid City of *Bath,* ſhall be and remain for ever hereafter a *Sole City of itſelf:* And that the Citizens and Inhabitants of the ſaid City from henceforth for ever, may and ſhall be *A Body Corporate and Politick* in Deed and Name, by the Name of *Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Bath*; And them by theſe Preſents for US OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, WE do really and fully erect, make; ordain, and

The Name of the Corporation.

conſtitute, declare, and confirm by the Name of Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Bath, One Body Corporate and Politick, in Deed and Name, and that by the ſame Name they ſhall have perpetual Succeſſion,

A Body able and capable to purchaſe and grant Lands.

And that they, by the Name of Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Bath, may and ſhall be for ever hereafter Perſonable, and in Law capable, and a Body Corporate and capable in Law to purchaſe, receive, poſſeſs, enjoy, and retain to them and their Succeſſors, Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Privileges, Juriſdictions, Franchiſes and Hereditaments of what Nature, Kind, or Quality ſoever they be, either in Fee and Perpetual forever, or of any other Eſtate, Term or Intereſt whatſoever, and alſo; to give, grant, demiſe, alien, aſſign, and diſpoſe Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and to do, and execute all and ſingular other Deeds and Matters whatſoever by the Name aforeſaid.

Plead & be impleaded.

And that by the ſame Name of Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the ſaid City, they ſhall and may be able to

to Plead or be Impleaded, anſwer and be anſwered, defend and be defended, in any Courts and Places whatſoever, and before whatſoever Judges and Juſtices, and other Perſons and Officers of Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, in all and ſingular Actions, Plaints, Suits, Quarrells, Cauſes, Matters and Demands whatſoever, of what Nature, Kind, or Quality ſoever, the ſame be in the ſame Manner and Form as any other of *Our Subjects* of this Realm of *England*; Perſons able, and in Law capable, or any other Body Coporate or Politick, within this OUR Realm of *England*, may or ſhall be able to leaſe, purchaſe, receive, Poſſeſs, enjoy retain, give, grant, demiſe, alien, aſſign, and diſpoſe, plead and be impleaded, anſwer and be anſwered, defend and be defended, do permit or execute.

To have a Seal.

And that the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the ſaid City and their *Succeſſors*, may have for ever a *Common Seal*, to ſerve for the Cauſes and Buſineſſes whatſoever of them and their Succeſſors; And that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens

Citizens and their Succeſſors, the ſame *Seal*, at their Pleaſure, to break, and new make, as to them ſhall ſeem good and expedient.

Mayor and Aldermen.

And further We will and by theſe Preſents for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, do ordain that from-henceforth, there ſhall and may be in the ſaid City, *One Mayor and Eight Aldermen*, or more, not exceeding the Number of *Ten Aldermen* at one Time, or fewer Aldermen, ſo as there be not under the Number of Four at one Time; to be choſen and appointed in Form, as in theſe Letters Patents hereafter ſpecified.

The firſt Mayor.

And for the better Execution of this *Our Will and Grants* in this behalf, We have aſſigned, named, conſtituted, and made, and by theſe Preſents for *Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors*, We do aſſign name, conſtitute, and make, Our beloved and faithful Subject, *William Sherſtone, Citizen* of the ſaid City, (to be the firſt and preſent Mayor of the ſame City) willing that the ſaid *William Sherſtone*, ſhall be and continue in the Office of Mayor of the ſame City, from the Date of theſe Preſents until the Feaſt

Feaſt of *Saint Michael* the Archangel now next coming, and from the ſaid Feaſt until another Citizen of the ſaid City, ſhall be elected, choſen and ſworn into the ſaid Office, according to the Ordinances and Proviſions in theſe Preſents hereafter expreſſed and declared, if He the ſaid *William Sherſtone* ſhall ſo long live.

The firſt Aldermen.

We have alſo aſſigned, named, and conſtituted, and by theſe Preſents, for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, We do aſſign, name, conſtitute, and make Our well beloved *William Cavill, George Perman, William Wally, John Chapman the elder, John Wally the elder, Thomas Fitch, John Tachfield, and John Wally the younger*, Citizens of the ſaid City, to be the firſt and preſent Aldermen of the ſame City, and that they ſhall be and continue in the Office of Aldermen of the ſame City from the Date of theſe Preſents, ſo long as they ſhall well behave themſelves in the ſame Office.

The choice of new Aldermen.

And futher, We will that whenſoever it ſhall happen, the aforeſaid Aldermen, or any of them, or any other or others, which at any Time hereafter

hereafter ſhall be Alderman or Aldermen of the ſaid City, to die, or be removed from his or their Office, that then, and ſo often, it ſhall and may be Lawful, to and for the ſaid Mayor, and Reſidue of the Aldermen, and chief Citizens or Councellors of the ſaid City, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, to chuſe, name, and appoint, one or more, other or others of the Citizens of the ſaid City, into the Place or Places of the ſame Alderman or Aldermen ſo dead, or removed; And that he or they ſo elected, and appointed, ſhall be Alderman or Aldermen of the aforeſaid City, in ſuch like manner as the Aldermen before ſpecially named, are and ſhall be, and ſo often as the Caſe ſhall ſo happen.

The Council. And further, We will and by theſe Preſents, of Our abundant Grace, do ordain, and for *Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors*, do grant, to the foreſaid Mayor, Alderman, and Citizens of the ſaid *City* and their Succeſſors, that from henceforth for ever, there may and ſhall be in the aforeſaid City, Twenty Men of the better, and more ſubſtantial Citizens of the ſame City, to be choſen by the Mayor, Recorder

der and Aldermen of the ſaid City, or the greater Part of them, whereof We will the Mayor for the Time being to be one, which ſhall be called and named the Chief Citizens and Counſellors of the ſame City, which Twenty Chief Citizens and Counſellors ſhall do, for ever and at all Times hereafter ſhall be, and be called the *Common Council* of the ſaid City, for all Things, Cauſes, Matters and Buſineſſes, touching or concerning the ſaid, City, and the good Regiment, State and Government of the ſame.

The Office of the Council.

And that all the aforeſaid Twenty Chief Citizens, not being in the Office of Mayor or Aldermen of the ſaid City, may and ſhall be, from Time to Time, aſſiſting, councilling and helping to the Mayor, Juſtices, Aldermen, and Bailiffs of the ſame City, for the Time being, in all Cauſes Buſineſſes and Matters, touching or concerning the ſame City, or the good Regiment, State or Government thereof, and that the aforeſaid Chief Citizens, or Counſellors, ſo to be named as aforeſaid, and every of them, ſhall continue in the ſame Office, ſo long as he, or

they ſhall behave themſelves well in the ſame; and the ſame Chief Citizens of the ſaid City, of the ſaid Number of Twenty, WE by theſe Preſents, do make, create, conſtitute, and declare to be the *Common Council* of the ſaid *City*.

Choice of new Council. AND further, WE will, that from Time to Time, whenſoever it ſhall happen, any of the aforeſaid Twenty Chief Citizens or Counſellors, of the ſaid City for the Time being, to die, or from his Office of Chief Citizen or Councellor to be removed, that then, and ſo often, it ſhall and may be lawful, to and for the *Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen* and other *Chief Citizens* or *Counſellors* of the ſaid City, then ſurviving, or remaining, or the greater Part of them, whereof WE will the Mayor for the Time being to be one, to chuſe, name and appoint one or more others of the Citizens of the ſaid City, into the Place or Places, of the ſame *Chief Citizen or Counſellor, Chief Citizens or Counſellors,* ſo dead or removed, to make up the aforeſaid Number of Twenty Chief Citizens.

The Oath AND that *he* or *they* ſo elected or appointed, taking a Corporal *Oath*, before

before the Mayor, two of the Aldermen and other Chief Citizens aforeſaid, or the greater Part of them, whereof WE will the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being to be one, well and faithfully to execute the ſaid Office, ſhall be of the Number of the aforeſaid Twenty Chief Citizens or Counſellors of the ſaid City, and this to be done ſo often as this ſhall ſo happen.

The Council Houſe, and what they ought to do in the Council Houſe.

AND further by theſe Preſents, WE will and ordain, and of OUR *eſpecial Grace*, for US, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens, of the aforeſaid City of *Bath*, and their *Succeſſors* for ever, that they may retain, appoint, uſe and enjoy, a certain *Council Houſe*, within the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City, at their Pleaſure, and that the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the ſaid City, or the greater Part of them for the Time being, whereof WE will the Mayor for the Time being to be one, as often as to them ſhall ſeem fit or neceſſary, ſhall and may call together and hold within the ſame Houſe, a certain *Convocation* of the ſame Mayor, Aldermen,

and Common Council, or the greater Part of them, at any Time hereafter; and in the ſame Convocation they may propoſe, conſult, adviſe, and determine of the Statutes, Laws, Articles, or Ordinances touching or concerning the City, or Citizens of the City of *Bath*, or the good Regiment, State, or Government of the ſame City, according to the ſound Diſcretion of the greater Part of them for the Time aſſembled.

Power to make Laws, & Penalty for breach of Laws.

AND further, of OUR *abundant Grace* WE will, and by theſe Preſents, for US, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the ſaid City and to their *Succeſſors*, that the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the ſaid City for the Time being, when aſſembled and gathered together in the Court or Convocation aforeſaid, may and ſhall have full Authority Power, and Ability to erect, conſtitute, ordain, make, and eſtabliſh from Time to Time, ſuch Laws, Inſtitutions, Ordinances, and Conſtitutions as to them, or the greater Part of them ſhall ſeem good, wholeſome, profitable, honeſt, and neceſſary, after their ſound Diſcretion, for the good Rule

Rule, and Government of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, and of all and ſingular other the Citizens of the ſaid City of *Bath*, and all Officers, Miniſters, Artificers, Reſidents, Dwellers, and Inhabitants of the ſaid City for the Time being, or of any others whatſoever reſorting or coming to the ſaid City, and for declaring how and in what order, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, and all and ſingular other Miniſters, Officers, Citizens, Artificers, Dwellers, Inhabitants, and Reſorters of the ſaid City, ſhall behave, bear, and uſe themſelves in their Offices, Functions, Miſteries, Crafts, Buſineſſes, Obediences, and good Behaviours, within the ſaid City and the Liberties thereof for the Time being, and otherwiſe for the Public Good, Common Utility, and good Regiment of the ſaid City, and for the Victualling thereof, and alſo for the better Preſervation, Governance, Diſpoſition, Placing, and Letting of the Lands, Tenements, Poſſeſſions, Revenues, and Hereditaments, to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City and their *Succeſſors*, or to the Mayor and Citizens

tizens of the ſaid City, or to the Citizens of the ſaid City heretofore, or by theſe Preſents given, granted, or aſſigned, and other Things, and Cauſes whatſoever touching, or in any ways concerning the ſaid City or the Ordinances, Inſtitutions, Conſtitutions, Statutes, Rights, & Intereſts thereof, and that the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the ſaid City for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, whereof We will the Mayor for the Time being to be one, as often as they ſhall erect, make, ordain, or eſtabliſh ſuch Laws, Inſtitutions, Rights, Ordinances, and Conſtitutions in form aforeſaid, may and ſhall have Power to make, ordain, limit, or provide, ſuch & the like Pains, Puniſhments, Penalties by Impriſonment of their Bodies, or by reaſonable Fines and Amerciaments, or by either of them, againſt and upon all Offenders againſt ſuch Laws, Conſtitutions, Rights, Ordinances, and Inſtitutions, or any of them, as to the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council for the Time being or the greater Part of them ſhall be then thought neceſſary, fit, and requiſite for the Obſervation of the aforeſaid Laws, Inſtitutions, Rights

Rights, Ordinances, and Conſtitutions, and the ſame Fines, and Amerciaments may levy, and have of the Goods and Chattles, of every one ſo offending, by the Bailiffs, or other Miniſters of the ſaid City, to the uſe and behoof of the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens and their *Succeſſors*, without lett, of any of the Officers, and Miniſters of Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, and without any Account or Allowance in any Wiſe to be yielded unto Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS for the ſame, or any Part or Parcel thereof; all and ſingular which Laws, Ordinances, Conſtitutions, Rights, and Inſtitutions ſo to be made as aforeſaid, WE will for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS to be contained, ſo that the ſame Laws, Ordinances, Inſtitutions, and Conſtitutions be not repugnant, nor contrary to the Laws, and Statutes of OUR *Realm* of *England*.

Election of a Mayor and his Oath.

AND further, WE will, and by theſe *Preſents* for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the aforeſaid City of *Bath*, and

and their *Succeſſors*, that the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the ſaid City, for the Time being, or the more Part of them, from Time to Time for ever hereafter, ſhall and may have Power and Authority, yearly and every Year, in the Month of September, *that is to ſay*, the Monday next before the Feaſt of *Saint Michael the Arch-Angel*, to chuſe and name and that they may chuſe and name one of themſelves which ſhall be *Mayor* of the ſaid City for *one whole Year*, and that hereafter he ſhall be ſo elected and named as aforeſaid, to be Mayor of the ſaid City, before he be admitted to execute the ſaid Office, ſhall take a Corporal Oath, within one Month then next following after the ſaid Nomination and Election, before the Mayor of the ſaid City then for the Time being, in the Preſence of Two of the Aldermen and Six other of the aforeſaid Common Council of the ſaid City for the Time being, at the leaſt, rightly, well, and faithfully to execute the ſaid Office in all Things touching the ſame during the Time wherein he ſhall be Mayor of the ſaid City

City, and that when and after ſuch Oath ſo taken, he may execute the Office of *Mayoralty* of the ſaid City for one whole Year then next following, and that from henceforth until another ſhall be elected, named and appointed, to the Office of Mayor there.

The Death or removing of the Mayor.

AND moreover, WE will, and by theſe Preſents for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, do grant to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the ſaid City, and to their *Succeſſors*, that if it ſhall happen, the Mayor of the ſaid City, at any Time after he ſhall be ſo elected, and appointed Mayor of the ſaid City as aforeſaid, to die or be removed from his Office, that then and ſo often it ſhall and may be lawful, to and for the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council aforeſaid for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, to chuſe and appoint another of themſelves to be Mayor of the ſame City, and that he ſo choſen and appointed may have and exerciſe the ſaid Office during the reſidue of the ſaid Year, and from henceforth until another ſhall be nominated, elected, and appointed to the

ſaid Office, taking firſt a *Corporal Oath*, before two of the Aldermen and ſix of the Common Council of the ſaid City, for the Time being, at leaſt, to the Effect aforeſaid, and ſo from Time to Time as often as the Cauſe ſhall ſo happen.

They ſhall have and chuſe a Recorder

And further, of Our *abundant Grace*, We will and by theſe Preſents for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors do grant, to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the ſaid City and their *Succeſſors*, that they and their *Succeſſors*, ſhall have from henceforth for ever in the ſaid City, one honeſt and diſcreet Man, learned in the Laws of *England*, to be choſen and named in form hereafter expreſſed, which ſhall be and be named *Recorder* of the ſaid City, and that the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the ſaid City for the Time being, or the more Part of them, may from Time to Time elect, name and appoint one honeſt, and diſcreet Man to be *Recorder* of the ſaid City as aforeſaid, to have, exerciſe, and enjoy the Office of *Recorder* of the ſaid City ſo long as he ſhall well behave himſelf therein.

And

AND that there be in the ſaid City one honeſt and diſcreet Man, in form hereafter expreſſed, to be elected, and named, which ſhall be and be called the *Common Clerk*, or *Prothonotary* of the ſaid City, or the more Part of them, may from Time to Time elect, appoint, and name, one honeſt, and diſcreet Man to be the *Common Clerk*, or *Prothonotary* of the ſaid City, and that he ſo elected and appointed to be *Common Clerk*, or *Prothonotary* of the ſaid City as aforeſaid, may have, exerciſe, and enjoy the Office of Common Clerk of the ſaid City, ſo long as he ſhall well behave himſelf therein. *They may chuſe a Clerk for the City.*

AND for the better Execution of theſe Preſents in this behalf, WE have aſſigned, named, conſtituted, and made, and by theſe Preſents for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, WE do aſſign, name, conſtitute, and make OUR well beloved *John Courte, Eſq.* to be the firſt and Preſent *Recorder* of the ſaid City, ſo to continue in the ſaid Office, and the ſame Office to excute by himſelf ſo long as he ſhall well behave himſelf in the ſame. *The firſt Recorder*

The firſt Clerk. WE have alſo aſſigned, named, conſtituted, and made, and by theſe Preſents for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, WE do aſſign, name, conſtitute, and make, OUR well beloved *William Price, Gent.* to be the firſt and preſent *Common Clerk* and *Prothonotary* of the ſaid City, ſo to continue in the Office ſaid by himſelf or by his ſufficient Deputy or Deputies from the date of theſe Preſents until the Feaſt of *Saint Michael the Arch-Angel* now next coming, and ſo from henceforth ſo long as he ſhall well behave himſelf in the ſaid Office.

Two Bailiffs. AND further, WE will, and by theſe Preſents for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the ſaid City and to their *Succeſſors*, that the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the ſaid City for the Time being or the greater Part of them, from Time to Time for ever hereafter, ſhall and may have Power and Authority Yearly, and in and upon every Monday next before the Feaſt of Saint Michael the Arch-Angel, to elect, and name, and that they elect, and name

name two of themſelves to be *Bailiffs* of the ſaid City for *one whole Year*, and that the ſaid two ſo choſen and named as aforeſaid, before they ſhall be admitted to excute the ſaid Office of *Bailiffs* ſhall take a Corporal Oath, the Monday then next following the ſaid Nomination and Election, before the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council for the Time being, rightly, well and faithfully to execute the ſaid Office of *Bailiffs* of the ſaid City, in all Things concerning the ſame, and that after the ſaid Oath ſo taken, they may execute the Office of *Bailiffs* of the ſaid City for one whole Year then next following, and moreover, We will and grant to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the ſaid City, and their *Succeſſors*, that if it ſhall happen the aforeſaid *Bailiffs* of the ſaid City, or either of them, at any Time within one Year, after he ſhall be appointed and ſworn to the Office of *Bailiff* of the ſaid City as aforeſaid, to die, or be removed from his Office, that then and ſo often it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the ſaid City for the Time

Time being or the greater Part of them, to chuſe and appoint another or others of themſelves to be *Bailiff* or *Bailiffs* of the ſaid City, and that he or they ſo elected and appointed to the ſaid Office, may have, and exerciſe the ſame Office during the reſidue of the ſaid Year, taking firſt a Corporal Oath in Form aforeſaid, and as often as the Caſe ſhall ſo happen.

Chamberlain or Receiver.

And that the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the ſaid City for the Time being or the greater Part of them, may Yearly and every Year, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, the aforeſaid Monday next before the aforeſaid Feaſt of Saint Michael the Arch-Angel, elect, make and appoint one, then being a Citizen, of the ſaid City, which ſhall be, and be called *The Chamberlain and Receiver* of the ſaid City, which ſhall and may uſe and exerciſe all Things belonging to the ſaid Office.

Conſtables and inferior Officers.

And alſo ſuch and ſo many *Conſtables* and other *Inferior Officers* and Miniſters within the ſaid City, as the Mayor, Citizens and Governors of the

the ſame City before the Date of theſe Preſents, have had or uſed to have within the ſaid City, and that ſuch Miniſters or Officers ſo to their Offices ſeverally elected, appointed, and named, ſhall be in due Manner ſworn before the Mayor, two of the Aldermen, and ſix of the Council aforeſaid for the Time being at the leaſt, rightly, well and faithfully to execute their ſaid Office, in all Things concerning the ſame, and that they ſo elected, appointed and ſworn may ſeverally have, and exerciſe their ſaid Office for one whole Year, then next following, if they ſhall ſo long live and behave themſelves well in the ſame.

Refuſe to uſe the Offices.

And moreover, We will, and by theſe Preſents for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the ſaid City of *Bath*, and to their *Succeſſors*, that if any which hereafter ſhall be elected, and named to the Office of Mayor, Aldermen, Chamberlain, Bailiff, Conſtable, or other Inferior Officers of the ſaid City, or to any of them except the Office of Recorder and Common Clerk of the ſaid City, and having

Notice

Notice and Knowledge of ſuch Election, and Nomination, ſhall refuſe or miſlike the ſaid Offices whereunto he or they ſo refuſing or miſliking ſhall be elected and named, that then and ſo often it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the ſaid City for the Time being or the greater Part of them, to commit him or them ſo refuſing or miſliking to exerciſe the ſaid Office or Offices, whereunto he or they ſhall be ſo elected and named, to the *Goal* of the ſaid City, there to remain until he or they will exerciſe the ſaid Office or Offices, and alſo to impoſe and tax, ſuch reaſonable Fines and Amerciaments upon ſuch Perſons refuſing or miſliking, to retain and keep in the *Goal* of the ſaid City until he or they do pay or cauſe to be paid the ſame Fines or Amerciaments to the uſe of the ſaid City.

Serjeants of the Mace.

And further, for the better Confirmation and Augmentation of the State of Our ſaid City of *Bath*, We will and ordain, and by theſe Preſents for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, do grant to the aforeſaid

ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the ſaid City and to their *Succeſſors*, that from henceforth for ever there ſhall and may be in the ſaid City, Two Officers, which ſhall be and be called *Serjeants of the Mace*, for the Execution of Proceſſes, Precepts and other Buſineſſes within the ſaid City, from Time to Time to be executed and performed, which *Serjeants of the Mace*, and either of them ſhall be from Time to Time attending upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Bailiffs of the ſaid City for the Time being, which two Serjeants of the Mace, ſhall at all Times hereafter, from the Date of theſe Preſents be named and choſen by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the ſaid City for the Time being or the greater Part of them, Yearly and every Year, from the ſaid Monday next after the ſaid Feaſt of Saint Michael the Arch-Angel, to continue for one whole Year, then next following, if they ſhall ſo long live and behave themſelves well in the ſame Office, and that they ſo elected, named, and appointed to the ſaid Office of Serjeants of the Mace of the ſaid City for one whole Year, ſhall be

in due Manner ſworn, well, and faithfully to do, and execute their ſaid Office, before the Mayor, and two of the Aldermen of the ſaid City for the Time being, at the leaſt, or the more Part of them, and that the Serjeants of the Mace in the ſaid City to be appointed, ſhall every where within the ſaid City of *Bath*, and the Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts of the ſame, bear and carry before the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being and his Succeſſors, Maces of Gold or Silver, engraven and garniſhed, with the Sign of the Arms of this OUR *Realm of England*.

The bounds of the Liberties & to view the bounds.

AND WE will, and by theſe Preſents for US, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, do ordain and grant, that OUR ſaid City of *Bath*, and the Circuit, Precinct and Juriſdiction thereof, from henceforth ſhall be, extend and ſtretch itſelf, and may extend and ſtretch itſelf by and through all the Wards of the ſaid City, as well in length and breath, as in Circuit, Compaſs and Precinct, to ſuch and and the ſame like antient Limmits, and Bounds thereof, unto which, and as the ſaid City of *Bath*, and the Circuit, Precinct and Juriſdiction thereof

thereof before this Time did ſtretch and extend, and no otherwiſe, *that is to ſay*, from the South End of the Bridge, where the two Images of a Lion and a Bear, engraved in Stone, are erected upon the ſaid Bridge, and from thence unto the Meadow called Kingſmead, and about and on every ſide of the ſaid Meadow called Kingſmead, through the middle of the Water or River there called *Avon*, as the ſaid Meadow doth extend, and from the middle of the ſame River in the Weſt Side of the ſaid Meadow unto the Head Spring of the Brook or River there called the Mouth of Mud Brook by the ſide of the ſaid Brook, and ſo from thence unto the Highway leading from Weſton towards Walcot, ſo continuing by the ſaid way unto a Cloſe of Paſture, commonly called the Winyards, and from the ſame Cloſe through a certain Lane on the North Side of the ſaid Cloſe, and as the way leadeth by the Church Yard of the Church of Walcot, unto the North Corner of the ſame Church-Yard, and from the ſame Corner directly unto the River *Avon* aforeſaid towards the Eaſt, and ſo from thence through the middle of

ſame River to the South End of the ſaid Bridge, and thorugh, by, and over all Lands, Soil, and Grounds, lately belonging or appertaining to the Priory of Bath, and by, upon, and over all other Lands, Soils, Grounds, and Places lying, being, or contained within the ſaid Limits, and that it ſhall, and may be lawful, to and for the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the ſaid City of *Bath* and their *Succeſſors*, to make Preambulation, and to walk through and over the ſaid Bounds, for the ſurveying, knowing and limiting of the Liberties, and Franchiſes about, within, and without the ſaid City and the Suburbs, and Precincts of the ſame, in whatſoever Places, Lands, Tenements, or Lordſhips they ſhall be, within the ſaid City or in the County of Somerſet, without Lett of Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, or of any other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, as by Quarries, Mees, Bounds, Limits, Lands, Stiles, Paths, Stone Walls, Hedges, Waters, Bridges, Ditches, Houſes, Croſſes, or by any other means howſoever they are limited and bounded, and alſo all ſuch Hedges, Walls, Ditches, Stiles,

Houſes

Houſes and all other Incloſures whatſoever, in the ſame their Preambulations, to be erected and made (if to them ſhall ſeem expedient) to pull down, put up, break, incloſe, and freely to paſs and go through the the ſame, without Lett of Us OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, or of any other Perſon whatſoever, and ſo to permit and ſuffer all and ſingular the ſame Things to be done without any Satisfaction or Remendation, as heretofore hath been uſed, and this to be done as often as it ſhall pleaſe them, or to them ſhall ſeem expedient and neceſſary, and this alſo without any Right or other Warrant in any wiſe to be therefore obtained or gotten of Us, OUR HEIRS or SUCCESSORS in this Behalf.

Free Burgeſſes.

AND We will, and by theſe Preſents for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen, Citizens of the aforeſaid City of *Bath* and to their *Succeſſors*, that the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the ſaid City for the Time being, ſhall and may have, and make from Time to Time, of the Inhabitants of the ſaid

ſaid City, Free Citizens and Burgeſſes of the ſaid City, and bind them with an Oath to ſerve and obey the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the ſaid City in all their Lawful Commands, and to do and perform all other Things which may lawfully be done, to the utility and profit of the ſaid City, and by all Lawful Means to maintain and defend the ſame City, and all the Liberties and Franchiſes thereſo.

Court of Record. Judges. What Actions they may hold Plea of.

AND WE will, and by theſe Preſents for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, do grant to the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the aforeſaid City and to their *Succeſſors*, that they and their *Succeſſors*, from henceforth for ever, ſhall and may have and hold, within the ſaid City, one *Court of Record*, to be holden and kept every Monday in every Week, thoughout the Year, before the Mayor, Recorder, and two of the Aldermen, who ſhall be Juſtices of the Peace within the ſaid City, and the Common Clerk of the ſaid City, or before four, three, or two of them, at the leaſt, whereof either the Mayor, or Recorder of the

the ſaid City for the Time being, to be one, and that in the ſame Court they may hold by Plaints, therein to be levied or proſecuted, all and all manner of Plaints, Actions, Suits, and Demands of all Perſonal Treſpaſſes, done or to be done with Force and Arms, or otherwiſe in Contempt of Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, and of all other Treſpaſſes whatſoever upon the Caſe, Miſdemeanors and Offences done, moved, had, or perpetrated or hereafter to be done, moved, had, or perpetrated within the ſaid City, or in the Sight of the late Priory there, or the Suburbs, Liberties, Precincts of the ſame, or within any Part thereof, and all Debts, Accounts, Covenants, detaining of Goods or Chattles, taking and detaining of Beaſt and Cattle, or other Contracts whatſoever riſing or happening, or which hereafter ſhall happen to riſe, of any Cauſes or Matters Perſonal within the ſaid City, and Precinct of the late Priory there, or of any of them, and the Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts, or within any Part thereof, although the ſame Treſpaſſes, Debts, Accounts, Covenants, Decepts, Detainings or other Contracts,

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do attain unto or exceed the Sum or Value of *Forty Shillings*, and that the ſame Plaints, Quarrels, Suits, and Actions, be there heard and determined before the ſaid Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Common Clerk of the ſaid City for the Time being, or before four, three, or two of them, in the Abſence of the reſt, as is aforeſaid, by ſuch and the like Proceſſes, Ways, and Means according to the Law and Cuſtom of OUR *Realm of England*, as ſhall be agreeable to Our Laws, and in ſuch ample Manner and Form as it is uſed, or accuſtomed, or may or ought to be done in any of Our Courts of Record in any City, Burrough or Town Corporate within this *Realm of England*.

Serjeants Attornies in the Court.

AND WE will, and for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, do ordain that the Serjeants of the Mace, of the ſaid City for the Time being, ſhall be Attornies attending and ſerving the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Common Clerk for the Time being, or four, three, or two of them, in the Abſence of the reſt, in the aforeſaid Court of Record, as often as their Preſence or Miniſtry ſhall be requiſite

requiſite as it is uſed in other *Our* Courts of Record within this *Realm* of *England*, and that the aforeſaid Attornies, the Common Clerk for the Time being, and all other Officers and Miniſters exerciſing any Office or Miniſtry in the ſaid Court of Record, about the Adminiſtration or Execution of Juſtice within the ſaid City, the Liberties and Precincts thereof, ſhall and may have, and take from henceforth for ever ſuch and the like Wages, Fees and Rewards for the Execution of the ſaid Office or Miniſtry, as of antient Time they have had and taken, or ought and have uſed to have and take within the ſaid City.

Execution of Proceſſes.

AND WE will, and for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS do ordain, that the Bailiffs of the ſaid City for the Time being, or either of them by him or themſelves or the Serjeants of the Mace, or any other his or their Miniſters, ſhall make, do and execute within the ſaid City and Liberties thereof, all Juries, Pannels, Inquiſitions, Attachments, Precepts, Commandments, Warrants, Judgements, Proceſſes and all other Things whatſoever, neceſſary to be done,

touching the ſaid Cauſes or any other Cauſes whatſoever concerning the ſaid City, as to them ſhall be commanded, in ſuch ſort as the Law requireth, and as in like Cauſes it is uſed or ought to be done in any other Court of Record in any other City, Burrough or Town Corporate within this *Realm* of *England*.

Priſon or Goal. AND WE will, and by theſe Preſents for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſaid City, and to their *Succeſſors*, that the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens and their *Succeſſors*, ſhall and may have within the ſaid City or the Liberties thereof a *Priſon* and *Goal*, for the Preſervation and keeping of all and ſingular Priſoners attached and to be attached or committed or adjudged to the Priſon or Goal in any ſort howſoever, within the Liberties of the ſaid City, or the Precincts thereof, or at the Sentence, Commandment or Suit of Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, or any other Perſons whatſoever for any Matter, Cauſe, or Thing, which may or ought to be required, proſecuted, puniſhed, or

or determined in the ſaid City, there to remain until they be delivered according to the Law, and if any Perſon, Perſons or Priſoners ſhall be arreſted or committed to the Goal or Priſon of the ſaid City, that then the Mayor, Recorder, and ſuch of the Aldermen of the ſaid City as, for the Time being ſhall be juſtices of Peace within the ſame City, or any of them ſhall and may have full, and abſolute Power and Authority to ſend and commit ſuch Perſon or Priſoners to the common Goal of *Our ſaid Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majeſty*, HER HEIRS and SUCCESSORS within the County of Somerſet, there to remain until he or they ſhall be thence delivered according to the Law, and that the Bailiffs of the ſaid City for the Time being may and ſhall be Keepers of the Goal or Priſon of the ſame City.

Leet. where & before whom it ſhall be kept.

MOREOVER WE have granted for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the ſaid City, and to their *Succeſſors*, that the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens and their *Succeſſors*, ſhall and may have

for ever hereafter within the ſaid City and the Suburbs, Liberties and Precincts thereof, a Leet and review of Frank-Pledges of all Men being Citizens, Inhabitants, or Reſidents within the ſaid City, or the Suburbs, or Liberties thereof, or within the Precincts of the ſaid late Priory or within any Parcel of the Premiſſes, to be holden and kept twice by the Year in the Guildhall of the ſaid City, before the Steward, and the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council, at ſuch Days and Times, ſhall be agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of this OUR *Realm of England*, and all and whatſoever belongeth to a Leet or review of Frank-Pledge, together with all Summons, Attachments, Arreſts, Iſſues, Amerciaments, Fines, Redemptions, Profits and Commodities of the Steward or Stewards of the ſaid Leet or review of Frank-Pledge, Nominations, Donations and Conſtitutions from Time to Time for ever and all other Things whatſoever belonging or in any Wiſe appertaining to a Leet or View of Frank-Pledge, which by any Means may or ought there to belong to Us, OUR HEIRS or SUCCESSORS.

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AND WE will that the aforesaid Mayor of the said City of *Bath* and his *Successors* for the Time being, and every Justice of Peace within the said City, being a Citizen of the said City, may and shall have Power by himself, or by his Officers or Deputies, or by the said Serjeants of the Mace in the said City, appointed or elected, or by any of them to take, arrest and examine all Felons, Theives and other Malefactors found within the said City or the Suburbs or Precincts thereof and to carry or send them to the Common Goal of OUR *said Sovereign Lady* HER HEIRS and SUCCESSORS within the County of Somerset, there safely to remain and be kept until they shall be thence delivered according to the due Process of Law. *Felons.*

AND further, WE have granted for US, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the said City and to their *Successors*, that the Bailiffs of the said City or either of them for the Time being, from henceforth for ever, may and shall have returns as well of Assize, as of all and all manner of other Writs, *Returns of Writs and other Processes.*

Precepts

Precepts, Bills, Warrants, and Proceſſes of Us, *Our Heirs and Succeſſors*, and alſo of Summons, Extracts and Precepts of Our Exchequer, *Our Heirs and Succeſſors*, and the Extracts and Precepts of Our Juſtices Errants as well of the Pleas of the Forreſt as of Common Pleas, or of any other Juſtices whatſoever, and alſo Attachments, as well of the Pleas of the Crown, as others riſing or happening in the ſaid City of *Bath*, or the Suburbs or Precincts thereſo or in any Part thereof, and Execution and Executions of the ſame to be done and executed by the Bailiff or Bailiffs, or his or their Miniſters or Deputies for the Time being; ſo that no Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Bailiff or other Miniſter of Us, *Our Heirs or Succeſſors*, ſhall enter Our ſaid City of *Bath*, or the Suburbs or Precincts thereof, for the doing his Office or any Thing belonging to his Office, unleſs it be in default of the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſaid City or their *Succeſſors* and their Miniſters for the Time being.

AND further, WE have granted for Us, *Our Heirs and Succeſſors* to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſaid City of *Bath*, and to their *Succeſſors*, that they and their *Succeſſors* from henceforth for ever ſhall and may have Cognizance of all and all Manner of Pleas and Writs of Debts, Accounts, Treſpaſſes, Covenants, Treſpaſſes upon the Caſe, Deceipts and Detaining of Chattles or of all other Pleas, Matters, Cauſes, Suits, Quarrels, Demands, Contracts and Actions Perſonally, whatſoever happening, ariſing or which hereafter ſhall ariſe or happen within the ſaid City, the Suburbs, Liberties and Precincts thereof, or any Part thereof, to be holden before the ſaid Mayor, Recorder, two Aldermen and Common Clerk of the ſaid City for the Time being, or before four, three, or two of them in the abſence of the reſt, as well in the Preſence of Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors as in the abſence of Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, together with all and all Manner of Profits, Commodities and Advantages by any Manner of Means growing or happening of, and by Reaſon of ſuch Plaints, without any Impediment or Let of Us

Cognizance of Pleas.

Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, or of any of Our Eſcheators of the Peace, Sheriff or other Miniſters of Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, in what Courts ſoever the ſaid Pleas, Matters, Cauſes, Quarrels or Demands ſhall be begun, maintained or Proſecuted.

Aſſize of Bread &c. MOREOVER WE have granted for Us, *Our Heirs and Succeſſors*, to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens and to their *Succeſſors*, that they and their *Succeſſors* from henceforth, for ever, by the Mayor of the ſaid City may and ſhall have aſſize of Bread, Wine, and Beer, and of all other Victuals in the ſaid City and the Liberties thereof, and the amendment of the ſame being broken, and alſo the Correction and Puniſhing, and the Amerciaments and fines of all Perſons there offending in Abuſe of Meaſures and Weights, as well in the Preſence as in the abſence of Us, *Our Heirs and Succeſſors*, and that the Victuallers, as well Fiſhers as other Inhabitants in the ſaid City and the Liberties thereof, or any others coming or which hereafter ſhall come to the ſaid City with Victuals, ſhall be

from henceforth under the Rule and Government of the ſaid Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid City for the Time being.

Clerk of the Market.

AND further, WE have granted and by theſe Preſents for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſaid City of *Bath*, and to their *Succeſſors*, that the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, from henceforth for ever, may and ſhall be *Clerk of the Market*, within the ſaid City and the Suburbs, Liberties and Precincts thereof, and that the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being for ever ſhall and may do, and execute all, and whatſoever ſhall there appertain to the Office of Clerk of the Market, to be done and executed and all other Deeds and Things concerning the ſame, ſo that the Clerk of the Market of OUR Houſhold, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS in the abſence of Us OUR HEIRS or SUCCESSORS, ſhall by no means hereafter intrude himſelf, to meddle with the Aſſize of Bread, Wine and Beer, or of Weights or Meaſures within the ſaid City or the Suburbs or Precincts there-

of, neither ſhall enter or perſume to enter the ſaid City or the Suburbs or Precincts thereof, to do any Thing which belongeth to the Office of Clerk of the Market, any Statute or Ordinance to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Fines &c MOREOVER WE have granted, and by theſe Preſents for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſaid City and to their *Succeſſors*, that they and their *Succeſſors* from henceforth for ever, ſhall and may have within the ſaid City and the Suburbs and Limits thereof all Fines, Redemptions, Forfeitures and Amerciaments whatſoever of all and ſingular Offenders and Malefactors reſident and not reſident within the ſaid City, for Treſpaſſes or other Offences whatſoever, or for other Cauſes and Matters perpetrated or hereafter to be committed within the ſaid City the Suburbs, Liberties, or Precincts of the ſame; and alſo, all and all manner of Penalties of Recognizances forfeited and to be forfeited of all and all manner of Citizens or Inhabitants of the ſaid City reſident or hereafter happening to be reſident

reſident and their Succeſſors, or otherwiſe by whatſoever means or for any other Cauſe and Matter whatſoever; & alſo of all others dwelling in the ſaid City of *Bath* or the Suburbs or Liberties thereof, forfeited or to be forfeited to Us, OUR HEIRS or SUCCESSORS, within the ſaid City the Suburbs and Precincts thereof, to be levied, perceived, required and taken by the Mayor or Bailiff or Bailiffs of the ſaid City, or other their Miniſters, to the uſe of the ſame Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſaid City and their *Succeſſors*, without any Lett, Impediment or Hinderance of Us, OUR HEIRS or SUCCESSORS or of Our Chancellor, Treaſurer, Barons of Our Exchequer, Sheriffs, Juſtices, Councillors or other Officers or Miniſters whatſoever of Us, *Our Heirs and Succeſſors*.

Felons Goods Waifs Eſtrays

WE have alſo granted to the ſame Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſaid City of *Bath* and to their *Succeſſors*, for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, that they and their *Succeſſors* from henceforth for ever, ſhall and may have all and all manner of Goods and Chattles, Wayved, Eſtrays, Felons and Fugitives Goods,

and of Perſons out-lawed and to be out-lawed, and put or to be put in exigent, condemned and to be condemned, adjudged and to be adjudged, attained and to be attained, convicted and to be convicted, and of all Fugitives and Men out-lawed for Felony, Murder, or Petty Treaſon and of Felons of themſelves and Deodands, and alſo all other Forfeitures, Facts and Offences aforeſaid or touching or concerning the ſame from Time to Time riſing, happening or growing of all and ſingular Men, being Citizens, Reſidents or dwellers within the ſaid City of *Bath*, the Suburbs or Precincts thereof, and if any Perſon for his Offence ought to loſe Life or Member or ſhall flee and will not ſtand to his Judgement or ſhall commit any other Offence for which he ought to loſe or forfeit his Goods and Chattles, whereſoever Juſtice ought to be done upon him whether it be in the Court of Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, or in any other Court whatſoever, the ſame Goods and Chattles being or which hereafter ſhall happen to be within the ſaid City of *Bath* the Suburbs or Precincts thereof ſhall be the Goods and Chattles of the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen

Aldermen and Citizens and their *Succeſſors* for ever, and that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens and their *Succeſſors* by the ſaid Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being or by the Bailiff or Bailiffs or any other or others in their Name, to put themſelves in Seizure of the ſaid Goods and Chattles, and the ſame ſhall and may have power to ſeize, take, receive, and retain to the uſe and behoof of the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens and their *Succeſſors*, without Lett of Us, *Our Heirs or Succeſſors*, or any Officers or Miniſters of Us, *Our Heirs or Succeſſors* although the ſame Goods and Chattles ſhall be firſt taken and ſeized by Us, *Our Heirs or Succeſſors* or by the Miniſters of Us, Our Heirs or Succeſſors and that the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſaid City of *Bath* and their *Succeſſors* from henceforth for ever ſhall and may have and keep within the ſaid City and the Liberties, Suburbs and Precincts thereof, yearly in every Week *Two Markets*, that is to ſay, on the Days of *Wedneſday* and *Saturday*, and all ſuch *Fairs* as they have uſed within the ſaid City or the Suburbs

Suburbs thereof, to be kept at ſuch Days and Places as heretofore hath been there accuſtomed and uſed, with Commodities, Advantages and Emoluments appertaining or belonging to the ſaid *Fairs and Markets*, together with a Court of *Pye Powders* to be holden before the Bailiff or Bailiffs of the ſaid City for the Time being, and that no Stranger hereafter, except in the Market or Fair aforeſaid, which ſhall not be a Freeman of the ſaid City, ſhall and may ſell or put to ſale within the ſame City or the Liberties thereof, any Merchandiſe and other Victuals and Things whatſoever, without Licence of the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being.

Power of Juſtices. MOREOVER WE have granted and by theſe Preſents for Us, *Our Heirs and Succeſſors*, by theſe Preſents, do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens and to their Succeſſors, that the Mayor and Recorder of the ſaid City, and two ſuch Aldermen of the ſaid City for the Time being, as by the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the ſaid City or the greater Part of them ſhall be from Time to Time for ever

ever in that behalf be nominated and elected, may and ſhall be jointly and ſeverally *Juſtices* of Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, for the keeping of Our Peace in the ſame City, the Liberties and Precincts thereof, and for the Converſation of the ſame Peace according to to the Statutes and Ordinances of Winton, Northampton and Weſtminſter; and alſo to keep and cauſe to be kept the Ordinances and Statutes of Labourers, Artificers, Servants, Oſtlers, Vagabonds and other Rogues, and likewiſe to keep or cauſe to be kept all other Ordinances and Statutes, made and ſet forth for the good and quiet Rule and Government of Our Peace and People in all and ſingular their Articles according to the Form, Force and Effect of the ſame, and to correct and puniſh all thoſe whom they ſhall find Offenders againſt the Form of the ſaid Ordinances and Statutes in ſuch ſort, and as according to the Form and Effect of the ſaid Ordinances and Statutes it ſhall and ought to be done, and of all thoſe which ſhall threaten any of Our People with the hurt of their Bodies or burning of their Houſes, to find and take ſufficient ſecurity to keep the Peace and

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to be of Good Behaviour towards Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, and all Our People, before the aforeſaid Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, or three or two of them, whereof We will the aforeſaid Mayor or Recorder to be one, and if they ſhall refuſe to find ſuch ſecurity, then to cauſe them to be ſafely kept in the Priſon of the ſame City until they ſhall find the ſame, and that the Mayor, Recorder and the aforeſaid Aldermen, which for the Time being ſhall be Juſtices of the Peace within the ſaid City, three or two of them, whereof We will the Mayor or Recorder to be one, ſhall and may have full Power and Authority to enquire by the Oath of honeſt and lawful Men of the ſaid City, by whom the Truth of the Matter may be better known, of all Treſpaſſes, Foreſtallers, Regraters and Extortions done or committed or which hereafter ſhall happen to be done or attempted by any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, and in any manner or ſort howſoever in the ſaid City the Suburbs and Liberties thereof, and alſo all thoſe which go or ride armed in Conventicles againſt Our Peace, and to the Diſturbance of Our People, and likewiſe of thoſe which

which hereafter ſhall lie or perſume to lie in wait or Ambuſh to maim or kill any of Our People, and of Hoſtlers and all ſuch as ſhall offend or hereafter ſhall attempt or perſume to offend in the abuſe of Weights and Meaſures, and in ſelling of Victuals, and of all Labourers, Artificers, Servants, Hoſtlers, Vagabonds and Rogues and other Perſons whatſoever, which ſhall offend in the ſaid City the Suburbs or Liberties thereof, contrary to the Form of the Statutes and Ordinances aforeſaid made and provided for the common Utility of Our Realm of England and People of the ſame, and to take, view, and controul all and ſingular Indictments whatſoever concerning the Premiſſes, and to proceed, hear and determine of, in, and upon the ſame, in ſuch Manner and Form as Our Juſtices of Peace in Our *County of Somerſet*, may proceed, hear and determine in and upon ſuch and the like Indictments taken before them or any of them in the ſaid *County*, and alſo, ſhall and may have Power to enquire, hear, handle, judge and determine of all and ſingular other Treſpaſſes, Offences, Defects and Articles which do belong or appertain

to the Office of a Juſtice of Peace committed or to be done within the ſaid City of *Bath*, or the Suburbs and Liberties thereof, ſo fully and largely, and in as ample Manner and Form as any other Juſtice of Our Peace, and of OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, may and ſhall have Power to hear and determine in any other County of *Our Realm of England*, ſo that the Juſtices of Peace of Labourers and Artificers of Us OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS in Our County of *Somerſet*, or any other Juſtice of Peace, nor any of them, ſhall not at any Time hereafter by any Manner of Means, intrude him or themſelves to meddle with any the aforeſaid Things, Cauſes, Matters, Defects, Offences or other Articles whatſoever belonging or appertaining to the Office of Juſtice of Peace of Labourers and Artificers for any Cauſe whatſoever riſing or happening within the ſaid City of *Bath* the Suburbs, Liberties or Precincts of the ſame or any of them, but only in Default of the aforeſaid Mayor, Recorder and two Aldermen and their *Succeſſors*; and that the Common Clerk of the ſaid City, for the Time being from henceforth for ever

ever, ſhall be Clerk of Our Peace and of OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS within the ſaid City, the Suburbs, Liberties and Precincts thereof.

MOREOVER WE have granted for US, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſaid City and to their *Succeſſors*, that the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, may and ſhall be from Time to Time for ever *Coroner* of Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS within the ſaid City the Suburbs, Liberties and Precincts of the ſame, and that the ſaid Mayor ſhall and may have full Power and Authority to do and execute within the ſaid City the Suburbs, Liberties and Precincts thereof, all Things which do appertain or ought to be done and executed by the Laws and Statutes of this Our Realm of England, belonging to the Office or Officers of any *Coroners* within any County of this Our Realm of England, and that no other *Coroner* of Us, *Our Heirs and Succeſſors*, do enter or preſume to enter, to do any Thing which belongeth to the Office of a *Coroner* in the aforeſaid City the Suburbs, Precincts or Liberties thereof, *Coroner*

nor ſhall intrude himſelf by any Manner of Means to meddle with any Thing belonging to the Office of *Coroner*, happening or riſing within the ſaid City the Suburbs and Liberties of the ſame; and that all Perſons dwelling and inhabiting within the ſaid City of *Bath* the Suburbs, Liberties and Precincts thereof or within any Part thereof, be at Scot and Lot with the aforeſaid Citizens of the ſaid City and ſhall be Partakers with them in all and all manner of Burdens, Charges, Aids, Tallage and Taxes whatſoever, and that no Inhabitant there, ſhall have Challenge or have Liberty or any Freedom within the ſaid City, unleſs they be commonly and for the moſt Part reſiding at, and dwelling within the ſame City.

Diſcharged of Toll and other Things.

And further, We have granted for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſame City, and to their *Succeſſors*, that they and all the Citizens of the ſaid City, for the Time being and their *Heirs and Succeſſors*, for ever ſhall be free and diſcharged, through all Our Land and Dominion whereſoever they ſhall come

come or be from all Tollage, Cuſtom, Paſſage, Pontage, Stallage, Pickage and Carriage of all their Merchandiſe, Goods, or Chattles whatſoever in ſuch like Manner as heretofore they have been diſcharged.

Citizens ſhall not be put in Juries with Foreigners.

We have alſo for Us, Our Heirs and Successors granted to the ſame Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſaid City and to their *Succeſſors* and to every of them, that the Citizens and Inhabitants within the ſaid City or the Suburbs or Limmits thereof, nor any of them, ſhall not be put with any Foreigner or Men dwelling out of the ſaid City, in any Aſſizes, Juries, Attaints or Inquiſitions whatſoever, which at any Time hereafter ſhall riſe or may grow by Reaſon of any Lands, Tenements or any Foreign Buſineſs or Contracts whatſoever, before the Juſtices of Us, *Our Heirs and Succeſſors* at the Aſſizes in the ſaid County of Somerſet, or before any other Juſtice or Miniſter whatſoever of Us, *Our Heirs or Succeſſors.*

Baths &c

And whereas the Mayor and Citizens of the aforeſaid City now hold, occupy, poſſeſs and enjoy to them and

and their *Succeſſors*, the ſame City with the Appurtenances and all the Waters and Baths there and certain waiſt Grounds and Soils within the ſaid City, and alſo, divers Lands and Tenements, Rents and Reverſions commonly called Katherine Lands, Chamber Lands, School Lands, Alms Lands, Hoſpital Lands, Church Lands or by whatſoever Name or Names they are or may be known, called or named, and alſo divers other Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments Liberties, Franchiſes, Freedoms, Exemptions, Diſcharges, Preſcriptions, Privileges, Cuſtoms and Juriſdictions within the ſaid City and the Suburbs and Liberties of the ſame.

KNOW YE, as of Our abundant Grace, certain Knowledge and mere Motion to have granted and confirmed, and by theſe Preſents for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS do grant and confirm to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens and to their *Succeſſors*, all and ſingular ſuch and the ſame Waters, Baths, waiſt Grounds, Soils, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Reverſions, Markets, Liberties, Franchiſes, Diſcharges, Privileges, Exemptions, Freedoms, Preſcriptions

Preſcriptions, Cuſtoms, Juriſdictions and Hereditaments whatſoever which the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City now have, hold, occupy, uſe, poſſeſs or enjoy or of right ought to have, hold and occupy with all and ſingular the Appurtenances, to have, hold and enjoy all and ſingular the aforeſaid Lands, Tenements, Waters, Baths, Markets, Fairs, Cuſtoms, Liberties, Privileges, Franchiſes, Hereditaments and other the Premiſſes with the Appurtenances to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens and to their *Succeſſors* for ever, to be holden of Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors by ſuch, the ſame and like Rents and Services by which and as of Old Time they were holden of Us, or Our Progenitors and by no other, and praying therefore to Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors the antient Form heretofore paid or due and accuſtomed to be paid to Us or to Our Progenitors for the ſame, for all other Services, Executions and Demands whatſoever, in any wiſe to be yielded, paid or done to Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors for the ſame.

And

Licence to Purchaſe AND further know ye that We in Conſideration that the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſaid City of *Bath* and their *Succeſſors* may from Time to Time be the better able to ſuſtain and bear their Charges in the ſaid City, of Our ſpecial Grace certain Knowledge and mere Motion have granted and by theſe Preſents for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS as much as in Us is, do grant and give ſpecial Licence and free and lawful Power and Authority to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſaid City of *Bath* and to their *Succeſſors*, to have, receive and purchaſe to them and their *Succeſſors* forever in Fee Simple, for Term of Life, Years or otherwiſe of Us, Our Heirs or Succeſſors or of any other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever any Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Advowſons, Rectories, Tenths, Rents, Reverſions, Services or other Poſſeſſions, Revenues and Hereditaments whatſoever, which are not holden of Us, Our Heirs or Succeſſors in Capite, nor by Knight Service, nor of Us, or of any other or others by Knight Service, without any Licence of Us, Our Heirs or Succeſſors and without Licence of the

the Lord or Lords of whom the ſaid Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments are holden, ſo as the ſaid Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tenths, Rents, Revenues and Services or other Poſſeſſions, Reverſions and Hereditaments do not exceed the Yearly Value of *Twenty Pounds*, by the Year above repairs, without any Fine or ſum of Money to be yielded, made and paid for a Licence of Alienation or otherwiſe, to Us, OUR HEIRS or SUCCESSORS in OUR Hanaper or in any other Manner, the Statute of Mortmain or any other Statute, Act or Ordinance, Proviſion or Reſtraint heretofore made ſet-forth, ordained or provided, or any other Thing, Cauſe or Matter whatſoever, to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

AND WE will, and by theſe Preſents, do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſaid City of *Bath* and to their *Succeſſors*, that the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens and their *Succeſſors* from henceforth forever, may have, hold and enjoy, and ſhall and may have Power, fully and abſolutely to have, hold, uſe and enjoy forever

all the aforeſaid Gifts, Grants, Precepts, Liberties, Exemptions, Privileges, Franchiſes, Diſcharges, Articles and Cuſtoms, and all and ſingular other Things contained, declared or ſpecified in this Preſent Charter and theſe Our Letters, and alſo all and ſingular other Markets, Fairs, Franchiſes, Privileges, Liberties, Cuſtoms, Uſages, Preſcriptions, Grants, Objections and Diſcharges which at any Time heretofore have been granted to the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City of *Bath*, or to the Citizens of the ſame City by any Name or Names whatſoever all and ſingular which Things WE of Our ſpecial Grace do by theſe and the Tenor thereof, grant, approve, ratify and confirm for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS as much as in Us lie, to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſaid City of *Bath* and to their *Succeſſors* forever, wherefore WE will & ſtrictly command for Us, OUR HEIRS and SUCCESSORS, that the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſaid City of *Bath* and their *Succeſſors*, may, have, hold, uſe and enjoy, and ſhall and may have Power fully to have, hold, uſe and enjoy forever all

Liberties

Liberties, Authorities, Diſcharges, Grants, Cuſtoms, Uſage, Preſcriptions and all other the Premiſſes according to the Tenor and Effect of theſe Our Letters Patent, and without Let or Impediment of Us, OUR HEIRS or SUCCESSORS, Juſtices, Sheriffs or any other Bailiffs or Miniſters of Us, OUR HEIRS or SUCCESSORS, *alſo* WE will and by theſe Preſents whatſoever do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſaid City of *Bath*, that they may have and ſhall have theſe Our Letters Patent under Our Great Seal of England duly made and ſealed without Fine or Fee, great or ſmall, in Our Hanaper or elſewhere to Our uſe, in any wiſe to be yielded, paid or made to Us, for the the ſame, becauſe expreſs mention is not made in theſe Preſents of the Time, yearly Value or certainty of the Premiſſes or any of them or any other Gifts or Grants heretofore made by Us, or any of Our Progenitors to the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the ſaid City of *Bath*, or any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Proclamation, Proviſion or Reſtraint made, ſet forth, ordained or provided on any other Thing, Cauſe or Matter whatſoever to the

contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *In Witness* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents. *Witness* Our self at *Westminster*, the 4th Day of *September*, in the Thirty-Second Year of Our Reign, 1590.

A List

A Liſt of the MAYORS *of this City from the Year* 1655 *to* 1775.

1655 JOHN Parker,
1656 John Boyce,
1657 Mathew Clift,
1658 John Maſters,
1659 John Pearce,
1660 John Biggs,
1661 John Ford,
1662 John Parker,
1663 Robert Child,
1664 Henry Chapman,
1665 Walter Gibbs,
1666 John Chapman, Eſquires.
1667 Thomas Gibbs,
1668 Robert Chapman,
1669 William Child,
1670 Edward White,
1671 John Maſters,
1672 Henry Chapman,
1673 Henry Parker,
1674 John Reed,
1675 John Buſh,
1676 Walter Gibbs,
1677 Benjamin Baber,
1678 Robert Chapman,

1679 John Maſters,
1680 William Buſh,
1681 Edward Buſhell, Sen.
1682 Robert Hayward,
1683 Walter Hicks,
1684 Joſeph Buſh,
1685 John Stibbs,
1686 John Pocock,
1687 Benjamin Baber,
1688 Walter Gibbs,
1689 Robert Chapman,
1690 John Maſters,
1691 George Collibee,
1692 William Buſh,
1693 Edward Buſhell,
1694 Robert Hayward,
1695 Walter Hicks, Eſquires.
1696 John Axford,
1697 John Buſh,
1698 John Stibbs,
1699 Thomas Gibbs,
1700 Benjamin Baber,
1701 Richard Maſters,
1702 William Chapman,
1703 John Buſh,
1704 William Buſh,
1705 Walter Hicks,
1706 Edward Woolmer,
1707 John Stibbs,
1708 Edward Buſhel, Jun.
1709 Charles Child,
1710 Walter Gibbs,
1711 Thomas Gibbs,

1712 Richard Morgan,
1713 Richard Ford,
1714 Thomas Biggs,
1715 William Long,
1716 John Saunders,
1717 Richard Masters,
1718 Thomas Bnshell,
1719 William Collibee,
1720 Edward Woolmer,
1721 George Tryme,
1722 William Bush,
1723 John Hicks,
1724 Thomas Attwood,
1725 Rosewell Gibbs,
1726 Walter Chapman,
1727 William Chapman, Esquires,
1728 John Billing,
1729 Francis Bave,
1730 Richard Ford,
1731 William Horton,
1732 Milo Smith,
1733 Richard Morgan,
1734 Thomas Short,
1735 Thomas Attwood,
1736 Richard Matravers,
1737 James Attwood,
1738 John Saunders,
1739 William Bush,
1740 Charles Stone,
1741 Henry Attwood,
1742 Ralph Allen,
1743 Ambrose Bishop,
1744 John Chapman,

1745 John Cogſwell,
1746 Thomas Attwood,
1747 Thurſby Robinſon,
1748 James Attwood,
1749 Charles Stone,
1750 Henry Attwood,
1751 Francis Hales,
1752 Thomas Attwood, Sen.
1753 Thomas Attwood, Jun.
1754 John Chapman,
1755 Samuel Buſh,
1756 Edward Buſhell Collibee,
1757 William Chapman,
1758 Henry Attwood,
1759 Francis Hales,
1760 Thomas Attwood, Eſquires.
1761 John Chapman,
1762 Francis Hales,
1763 Samuel Buſh,
1764 John Horton,
1765 Edward Buſhell Collibee,
1766 Henry Wright,
1767 William Chapman,
1768 Charles Biggs,
1769 Thomas Attwood,
1770 John Chapman,
1771 John Horton,
1772 Walter Wiltſhire,
1773 Francis Bennett,
1774 Philip Ditcher,
1775 Edward Buſhel Collibee

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